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Information on Denazification

1. Of a total of 2,150 government employees in Saxony-Anhalt, only 117 now in service are former Nazi Party members. Among postal workers, twenty percent of those presently employed are former Parteigenossen; of railway workers, twenty to twenty-two percent; among school service employees, sixteen to eighteen percent. Approximately 65,000 Nazis have been removed from public enterprises.
2. The following statistics, taken from the records of the precinct of Dessau, indicate the percentage of members of anti-Nazi parties who were formerly members of the Nazi Party:

LDP 20%
CDU 8%
SED 5%

Economic Situation

3. Among the most critical items lacking for the internal economy of the province are automobile tires, iron, steel, hard coal, coke, and fertilizer containing phosphorus. Some synthetic rubber was sent to the British Zone recently for processing. The proper number of tires were returned.
4. The province's entire exports consist of food items such as grain, potatoes, and sugar. Four hundred thousand tons of sugar are produced monthly in Saxony-Anhalt, of which ninety percent is exported to other Länder.

Labor Unions

5. Although no written law authorizes labor unions in the province, they do exist on a voluntary basis. Through an agreement between government and the unions on the one hand, and company managements and advisors on the other, workers have the technical right to strike. It is not expected that they will use this privilege, however. Industrial insurance companies in the area at present are utilizing the profits to lower the premium rates paid by the workers.

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Expropriations

6. Approximately 2,500 business establishments have been expropriated in Saxony-Anhalt. Land expropriations have also been heavy; 600,000 hectares have been expropriated. This land included 2,000 estates larger than 100 hectares each and 200 estates of less than 100 hectares.

The Food Situation

7. As mentioned above, Saxony-Anhalt exports food products. Only a stringent rationing system makes this possible. Miners, normally the most favored group, are allowed up to 3200 calories a day. The other categories are allowed 2,300 calories (Group I) or 1,600 per day (Group IV). In the public schools of Saxony-Anhalt children up to fourteen are given a free, one-course lunch (Eintopfgericht).

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